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SUBJ: TOKEN GENERAL STRIKE CALLED OFF

REF: COLOMBO 239

1. FULL WEEK OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JOINT COMMITTEE OF
TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS (JCTUO) AND GSL CONCLUDED JANUARY 29
WITH JCTUO DECISION TO CALL OFF ONE-DAY TOKEN GENERAL
STRIKE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 31. GSL OFFERED RS. 25
WAGE INCREASE FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES EARNING UNDER
RS. 800 PER MONTH. COST-OF-LIVING WAGE INCREASE DEMAND
WILL BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE NOT YET APPOINTED.
ALL OTHER POINTS WILL BE NEGOTIATED LATER.

2. COMMENT: PRIME MINISTER NEATLY SIDESTEPPED SENSITIVE
NATIONALIZATION ISSUE BY REITERATING SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE
BUT OPPOSING IMPLEMENTATION IN NEAR FUTURE. LABOR LEADERS
APPARENTLY DECIDED CONCESSIONS WERE SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY
DRAWING BACK FROM UNPALATABLE CONFRONTATION WITH
UNITED FRONT COALITION THEY SUPPORT. PRIME MINISTER HAS
TOLD AMBASSADOR SHE IS PLEASED WITH SETTLEMENT.
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